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PRIOR TO CONDUCTING SURVEY TO ESTABLISH NEED FOR UPGRADE OF CAIRO VHF RADIO THE FOLOWING WAS ACCOMPLISHED INORDER TO RE-ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL MISSION TEAM AND TO PREPARE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR A SURVEY.

1. TWO DT-76'S HAD DEFECTIVE POWER SUPPLIES, ONE AN OPEN VOLTAGE REGULATOR, VR-2, THE OTHER A OPEN TRANSISTOR, Q505. BOTH COMPONENTS NEEDED TO DEVELOP NECESSARY PLUS TEN VOLTS FOR REMOTE AUDIO BOARD AND RECEIVER RF STAGES. BOTH DT-76'S WERE INSTALLED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER ON ROOF OF ZAHRA BUILDING AND BOTH HAD FAILED DUE TO INDUCED AC VOLTAGES PICKED UP AT ONE OF THREE EMBASSY CROSS CONNECT BOXES USED TO ROUTE THE DESKON II TELEPHONE PAIR TO ROOF. THE TELEPHONE PAIR ALSO SHOWED EXCESSIVE LINE IMPEDENCE. BOTH UNITS WERE REMOVED FROM ROOF AND 400 FEET OF RG 8 WAS RUN FROM 6DB GAIN ANTENNA ON ROOF TO MSG DESK IN CHANCERY. THE TONE 90 MOD FOR DESKON WAS INSTALLED AND DESKON WIRED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DT 76. THE PMR ALARM, INCLUDING TAPE RECORDER AND BELL ARE NOW OPERATING PROPERLY. THE SECOND DT-76 WAS INSTALLED IN MSG GUARD HOUSE AT COM RESIDENCE IN ZAMALEK. APPROX 100 FEET OF RG 8 WAS RUN FROM MSG GUARD HOUSE TO ROOF OF COM RESIDENCE. A THIRD DT-76 WAS DAMAGED IN SHIPMENT AND POWER SUPPLY AND TRANSMITTER WERE PULLED OFF MAIN FRAME INSIDE THE HOUSING, THE RECEIVER WAS NOT OPERATING. THE POWER

SUPPLY AND TRANSMITTER WERE REMOUNTED TO FRAME AND A SUBSTITUTE RECEIVER INSTALLED THAT WAS BROUGHT BY CEO FROM RCO STOCK. THIS UNIT WAS INSTALLED AT RSO RESIDENCE MAADI.

- 2. TWO OF THE THREE PE-66 CHARGERS BROUGHT TO CAIRY BY SPECIAL MISSION TEAM REQUIRED REPAIR. TRANSISTORS Q2 IN BOTH UNITS WERE REPLACED. THREE ADDITIONAL CHARGERS WERE NEEDED TO PROVIDE FULLY CHARGED STANDBY PE-66'S AND TO PROVIDE RSO AND MARINES WITH QUICK CHARGE CAPABILITY. THREE ADDITIONAL PE-66 CHARGERS WERE PROVIDED BY RCO KARACHI.
- 3. THREE PE66'S AND FOUR PR-36'S REQUIRED ALIGNMENT.
- 4. TWO PR-36 CHARGERS AND TWO PE-56 CHARGERS HAD BLOWN FUSES.
- 5. THE CONTROL HEAD IN DCM VEHICLE REQUIRED REPAIR. THE PMR PACKAGE WOULD KEY TRANMITTER BUT NOT MIKE CONNECTED TO CONTROL HEAD. THE PTT CONNECTION ON J702 PIN 3 WAS OPEN. THE MT 76 BROUGHT TO CAIROY BY CEO FROM RCO STOCK WAS INSTALLED.
- 6. NO AC BACKUP POWER AS AVAILABLE AT MSG DESK IN CHANCERY. AC OUTLEST WERE PROVIDED AND ALL VHF EQUIPMENT IS TIED INTO BACK-UP AC POWER.
- 7. SIX HN-56'S HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, THREE FROM DAMASCUS AND THREE FROM BEIRUT, TWO REQUIRE REPAIR, THE REMINING WERE ISSUED TO SPECIAL MISSION TEAM.
- 8. EXTENSIVE COMMUNICATION TESTING WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN CONFIDENTIAL.

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RSO RESIDENCE MAADI AND COM RESIDENCE ZAMALEK WITH MIXED RESULTS. RECEPTION FROM RSO RESIDENCE AT MSG GUARD HOUSE ZAMALED WAS LOUD AND CLEAR BUT NEGATIVE RECEPTION AT RSO RESIDENCE. MANY ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO RELOCATE ANTENNA WITHIN COM COMPOUND, ALL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE NEW ANTENNA NOW INSTALLED ON ROOF OF COM RESIDENCE IMPROVED RECEPTION ONLY. WHEN THE DT 76 IS KEYED THE OUTPUT IS SCATTERED OFF HIGH RISE BUILDINGS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING COM RESIDENCE, REDUCTING TRANSMIT CAPABILITY FOR ANY GREAT DISTANCE. RADIO TESTS WERE CONDUCTED FROM NAMRU 3 (NAVAL RESEARCH LAB) IN ABBESIA, LOCATED BETWEEN AIRPORT AND CHANCERY AND SOLID COMMUNICATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN NAMRU 3 AND COM RESIDENCE, CHANCERY AND MAADI. BASED ON TEST RESULTS, I RECOMMEND A REPATER BE INSTALLED AT NAMRU 3.

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9. A MEETING WAS HELD AT NAMRU-3 WITH LTCOMM FERRIRS (USN) (NRC) TO DISCUSS REPEATER INSTALLATION AND BACKUP POWER CAPABILIITIES. TWO NEW GENERATORS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND 24-HOUR BACKUP POWER IS AVAILABLE. IN JUNE AUTOMATIC SWITCHING FROM CITY TO BACKUP POWER IS TO BE INSTALLED. NAMRU 3 PERSONNEL ARE RECEPTIVE TO REPEATER INSTALLATION AND A ROOM FOR REPEATER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AND LOCATION FOR ANTENNAS SELECTED.

10. THE SPECIAL MISSION PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDING EXCELLENT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT AND HAVE SUFFICIENT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO PERFORM THEIR WORK, HOWEVER, THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LACK OF IMMEDIATE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MAADI AND COM RESIDENCE. ALTHOUGH MARINE AT EMBASSY IS ACTING AS RELAY, RSO AND SPECIAL MISSION TEAM PERSONNEL EXPRESSED THEIR NEED TO COMMUNICATE FROM ANYWHERE WITH MAADI AREA TO CHANCERY AND COM RESIDENCE USING PE-66'S. THIS THEY ADVISED IS NECESSARY TO PERFORM THEIR WORK, UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, PROPERLY. THEY ARE REQUEWSTING A SECOND REPEATER BE INSTALLED IN MAADE. UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS REPEATER AT NAMRU3 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COMMUNICATE TO ALL POINTS IF HN-36'S, HN-56'S MOBILE UNITS OR BASE STATIONS WERE USED. I RECOMMEND DEPT MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF SPECIAL MISSION TEAM. BASED ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIAL MISSION TEAM REQUIREMENTS AND THE SURVEY I RECOMMEND DEPT PROVIDE FOLLOWING FOR CAIRO:

TWO REPEATERS WITH REQUIRED ANTENNAS, TWO RINGO AR-2'S

PER REPEATER WILL BE SUFFICIENT, INPUT FREQUENCY OF 162.750 OUTPUT FREQUENCY 162.125 WITHSIMPLEX OPERATION ON 162.125 ON ALL PORTABLE UNITS, VEHICLE UNITS AND BASE STATIONS. ONE REPEATER TO BE INSTALLED AT NAMRU-3 AND ONE AT CRO RESIDENCE MAADI.

SIX PE-66'S, HIGH POWER WITH SELCAL AND RE-CRYSTALIZED FOR REPEATER OPERATION. TO INCLUDE GEPL19D413522G1 BATTERIES.

SIX PE-66 CHARGERS (3HOUR), 11VAC, WITH ELBOWS AND ANTENNAS.

FIVE HN-56'S OR HN-36'S, BASED ON AVAILABILITY, WITH SELCAL AND RE-CRYSTALIZED FOR REPEATER OPERATION, WITH CHARGERS AND ANTENNAS.

THREE MC-76'S OR MT-76'S BASED ON AVAILABILITY, RE-CRYSTALIZED FOR REPEATER OPERATION. TO INCLUDE ENTIRE INSTALLATION PACKAGE.

FIVE GUTTER MOUNT ANTENNAS

ONE TONE 99 ENCODER

SIX PVO-6'S, RECEIVE 162.125, WITH CHARGERS AND SPARE BATTERIES.

FOUR RINGO AR-2 ANTENNAS. (IN ADDITION TO THOSE PROVIDED WITH REPEATERS)

500 FT OF RG-58 AND 20 PL-259 BNC CONNECTORS.

11. USDAO CAIRO ADVISES IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SHIP EQUIPCONFIDENTIAL

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MENT TO CAIRO ON ANY OF PEACE PYRAMID C-130'S BEING DELIVERED TO GOE. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT WILL BE FOR DEPT TO DELIVER EQUIPMENT TO USAF IN MARIETTA GEORGIA. BY USING C-130'S, EQUIPMENT CAN BE DELIVERED TO EMBASSY AS SOON AS PLANE ARRIVES, AVOIDING A POSSIBLE ONE OR TWO MONTH DELAY AT CUSTOMS AT CAIRO AIRPORT.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED DATA FOR CONTACT.

LTCOL ALBERT R KAISER, USAF OR CAPT CHARLES L EVANS, JR (USAF).

AIR FORCE PLANT REP OFFICE (AFPRO) LOCKHEED - GEORGIA COMPANY MARIETTA, GEORGIA 30063. AUTOVON 925-1110 EXT 3126

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THE FOLLOWING IS FLIGHT SCHEDULES:

FLT NO 3. DEPARTS 25 JAN ARRIVES 30 JAN FLT NO 4. DEPARTS 18 FEB ARRIVES 23 FEB LT COL KAISER WILL BE PILOT OF FLIGHT NUMBER THREE AND CAPT EVANS WILL BE PILOT OF FLT NUMBER FOUR.

12. THE ABOVE HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY RCO KARACHI, RSO CAIRO, DCM CAIRO AND DAO CAIRO. AMB EILTS DEPARTED CAIRO WITH ONE MEMBER OF SPECIAL MISSION TEAM. REQUEST DEPT HAVE AMB APPROVE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVISE ASAP AVAILABILITY OF EUIPMENT AND DELIVERY SCHEDULED.

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